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M.D.XLIX.

DIEV. ET. MON. DROIT

¶ A copye of a letter contaynyng certayn newes, and the Artycles or requestes of the Deuonshyre and Cornyshe rebelles.

Since my laste letters set vnto you, of the newes in these parties (Because I wyll kepe my fyrst promes, for enterchaūge of lettres) I haue chaūsed on matter worthye aduertisment. I some leasure to aduertyse thesame, so that I could not with honestye, but satisfye your desyre, to knowe our newes, as I my selfe am verie desirouse of yours. By my former letters you vn-

derstode the dyscordze and dy-
scoyall, dyscordes of the Deuon-
shyzemen, whyche at the begyn-
nyng semyng to me, to haue pro-
ceded but of some wyldenes of
theyr braynes, or of some igno-
rance lackynge teachynge, I
thought wolde sone haue bynne
tamed wyth authozyte, and re-
formed wyth instruction, as I
vnderstande the lyke ende hath
wel happened of al the disquiet
assemblyes, in the other partes
of the Realme. But the mat-
ters of Deuonshyze nowe she-
wes further the rotes of treason,
the buddes of rebellion, and the
fructe of fylthye poperye, lea-
uyng now pretenses of treason,
and auowynge hyghe treason,
leauynge nowe colour of Relyp-
gion,

gion, and reiectyng all trewe religion, nowe come to verye madnes, whyche before were but dronckē, and cared not, for the name of rebelles, whych before were angry to be called trel paslers, thys crafte hath the deuyll to encreale hys swarme. He taughte the Prieltes and theyr Captaynes to cal the people together to defende theyr olde fayth, and therin vled the name and aucthoryte of the kyng es mayeltye, hauyng no waye lo ready, to assemble them together, whyche vluallye is the trompet, that good subiectes followeth, two good begynninges, Ye see the deuil vled the name of God, and of the kyng,

and in dede, dyrectlye agaynste God and the kynge. Wel, nowe was it tyme for hym to worke, he sawe the assemblye dayly encreasle. One part was assured his owne, the Romysh prieſtes and the ſturdy vacabundes. Wyth them he neded not vſe craft, but rather taught them howe to vſe it with others. The other parte were ſymple ignorant people, eaſelye diſceyued, and quicklye made the partakers of euyll. Thus the deuyl hauyng made hys bandes (parte of hys owne olde ſeruauntes, parte of a new retynewe) beganne to ſend forth hys embaſſages (theſame beyng certen requeſtes, as he termed them) to remedye the grieffes of the Deuonſhirmen, to the which the kynges maieſty, made a be-

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the princely and reasonable answere. Of the which I receyued fyue Copies in printe from you, by M. Mohan, at his last comming frō the Court to my Lord priuey seale. And for thesame I thanke you, prayng you, yf any suche lyke thynges come fourth in printe, I may haue some sent me with the first, & yf you will speake to the Kynges Printer in my name, I dare say, he will not denye you. But nowe to my matter. By these emballages of hishe thought to haue encreased hys power, thynkyng in dede þ all they (whyche gathered themselues together in other partes of the Realme, for pluckynge downe enclosures, & enlargyng of commēs) would haue entered in to hys seruice and taken hys

quarell: but after hys articles were confounded by the kynge, and certen knoweledge came in to Deuonshyre, by theyr currours abroad, that the Kentysh Esser, Suffolke, and specially Hampshire, hauing byene within the iurisdiccyon of the stoute Prelate of Wynchester, vtterly dyffyed and abhorred the Deuonshyremē, protestyng euen in theyr moste disorder, that they wolde spende theyr lyues agaīst all suche rancke rebelles traytours & papistes. It was maruell to se the newe deuyses and inuencyons of the pryestes and vagabunde Captaynes, for the furtheraunce of theyr first purposes. Then begāne they to perswade theyr people, that they had all gone to farre to shrinke,

and

and that nothinge now shoulde helpe them, but stoutnes & courage, eyther wolde they now be Lordes, or els haue nothynge, eyther rule, or els not lyue, eyther make a kynge, or haue no kynge, no meane thynge might content them. Theyr fyrst botye (they thought) shoulde be the cytye of Excetter, the next, ỹ spoyle of theyr owne countreye, and so consequently all other partes of the Realme, for Excetter they gape, but they catche nothynge sauing gonne shot, wherof God geues them plẽtye. Theyr owne countrey they haue so spoyled, & so disordered, that it is myserable to heare. The sonne robbeth the father, the doughter is rauished before the mother, he hathe nothing at night, that had most

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in ꝑ morninge, & he hath moste, whiche ought to haue nothing. And how longe he shal haue it, there is noo warrant. Two maner of men go to wrack amõgest thẽ. Good true subiectes, & wel thie. And other two, be daile promoted, traitours, and vile vagaboundes. The viler mã, of more auctholite, the honester of more seruitude. Byeng and selling seasseth amonges them, in place whereof is come Robbynge, and reaupnge, If hell be in earth, it is amõges them. And the pristes there, be the deuils. And the traytours be the tormẽtours, & the reste of the people forgetting of their king, be as it were soules tormented. Alas howe shall I be wayle them? shall I pray to God that they may perishe?

ylhe-or that they may amend-
The one they haue deserued, the
other me thinkes I dare not as-
ke of god. For settig a syde their
robberies, their murders, theyr
cruelhynges, their spoyle of the
kountrey, and the losse of it for
many yeres, howe haue they of-
fended their kyng & soueraigne
Lorde-How haue they dispysed
yis name and auctho̅rite. And
(as much as lyeth in the) demi-
nyshed his credit and renoume:
Shal I say merely-Euery ho-
nest man amo̅ges them, may re-
pēt him selfe of his good lyuing.
And euery euil mā (I thinke) is
wyr: he was no more wretched, &
yet no euilnes nor wretchednes,
alloweth any mā (yf he wyl not
be a ranck traytour) onelye that
profession maketh rulers. And
beause they vnderstād that ser-
upnge

vynge men be comenly brought vp in such ciuylite that hardely they be made traytours, Yt is a comon Prouerbe, that trust ne vynge man, trust gentyll man, now no place is left but for traytours, all other sciences goeth beggynge with them, and yet I doubt not, but theyr faculty wyll haue the price of the market whiche is a halter and a tre. Thus farre after my accustomed maner I haue entreated generallytees, and yet such as my harte is ful of, and where myght I better discharge my sorowe then wyth one, which wyll take parte thereof, I coulde not tell. But you wyl say, ye can lamente the thynges as much as I, but for the matter of my Letter, you wolde desyre some parti-

ular newes, or at the leaſte my
Iudgement, what I thoughte
olde folowe. For newes, as I
omyſed you in my former let-
es to ſende you theyr Articles,
I do nowe here include them,
e whiche I coulde not well
ſtorme before, becauſe they
aunged them ſo often, and de-
yſed ſo many, ſomtyme hauing
me reaſonable, an other tyme,
t one tollerable, ſuche diuer-
ies of heades there was a-
onges them, that for euerye
nde of brayne there was one
aner of Article, the prieſtes,
y harped all vpon a playne
nge of Rome, certē traytours
ulde halow home Cardinall
le, a nombre of vagabon-
s wolde haue no Iuſtice, a
nde of theues, wolde haue
State of anye Gentlemen

and

and yet to put al in one bagge, a
forte of traytours wolde haue
nother king nor good subiectes.
And so euery varlet (abounded
in hys owne sense) At the laste,
they concluded vpon these Arti-
cles, and set to their names as
ye shal see in the copie therof. As
for other newes (vntil my Lord
Priuey seale shal haue ỹ power
come to hym, which he daily lo-
keth for) I cã not haue to write.
For my Lord lieth wyth the kin
ges power, here at a place called
Honnyton. Who (I assure you)
hath so gouerned these partes
here, by hys contynuall labour,
and wisdome, that hyther to, the
ennemyes dare not come forth
out of their dennes (for so wold
ye cal them) yf ye saw the lanes,
the hilles, the woodes & straight

passa-

passages, betwyxt vs and them. They lye stil nere Exceter as I wrote in my last Letters. And not wstandynge, the twyse burnyng of the gates, yet hyther to can they not preuayll. A greate part of the cõtinueth with their fyrst Captain called vnderhyl, a taylour of Sãpforde courtney. I thinke they kepe hym styl, because they can not fynde hys match, a Captaine wel chosen by the deuil at the first. This is for the newes. For my opinió, I dare be bolde wyth you and yet therin I wyll vse few woordes, because yf I erre, I wil not erre to long a time, I assure you, nothyng more encouraged them, then that they loked all other people being sturred vp in other parties for enclosures and such

lyke

lyke griefe wolde haue taken
theyr quarell in hande, so nowe
nothynge hath so muche decay-
ed theyr courage as that they
heare and knowe the contrarye.
Theyr boldenes beyng nowe of
theyr owne stooze, without hope
of partakynge, moze desperate
then myghtye and lesse for theyr
purpose, then for theyr nombre,
very many beynge there assem-
bled with them, by force against
theyr wyll, and manye dayle by
repentaunce, reacknowledgige
theyr dutyes and subiection.
And in dede, the very ordre and
maner of quyetynge of all other
countreys putteth them clerelye
from hope to styrre agayne, for
they be not ignozaunt that the
moze parte of the requestes of
them were such, as bycause they

coulde

would not reasonable be retected,
being for reformacion of diuers
abuses in the comũe wealth(not
for the bryging in of the Romish
aucthorite agaynst the kyng, &
hys Royall Croune) they be for
the most parte graunted, in such
sorte as the people haue recey-
ued mercye, and be departed ho-
me wyth good contentacyon, ly-
ke good Subiectes. The kin-
ges Maiestye sustayned no dis-
honoure, haupng ruled his peo-
ple, bothe wyth Justyce & mer-
cy, proporcyonallye, and finally
the thynges whiche were eupll
ded in the comon wealthe, very
lyke to be reformed, part, presẽt-
ly by Commission, parte, by Par
liament, to the comen profyte of
the whole Realme, of so good an
ende oure rebelles here haue bẽ

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ther people had leaped frō hedge
breakinge, to houle robbing, frō
dere hunting, to horse hunting,
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nes, as they haue here frō robbe
ries to rape, frō rape to murder,
frō murder to treason & popery,
& so to the deuil, whereas I feare
they will cōtinue. And in dede yf
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much w^t you my freind) to alow
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dered (as it is reported here amō
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Popish prieſtes, reppynynge a-
gaynſt the kynges holſome doc-
trine, or vpon the cōmon runne-
gates, ſeedmē of ſedicion, of the
which we haue plentye here, a-
gaynſte whome. If the martiall
law were executed, and were cur
rante quoyne in euery ſhyre, as
I here ſay, there is a Proclama-
tion for the ſame (which I haue
not yet ſene, but by youre nexte
letters truſt to receiue) I thinke
there wolde be as fewe runners
abrode, as now there be many.
You muſt geue me leaue to talk
a litle more after my wounted
maner, which is to ſai my mynd
frākly vnto you without offēce.
Nowe me thinketh the ende is
ſuch of your matters there, as
euery ſtate of people wilbe con-
tent

tent therwith, and so the mooste trouble wil rest with these traytours. For with you, the kinges people which deserued death, be by mercy preserued, & the thynges euell vsed (as in dede diseases there be in the cõmõ wealth) shalbe now wel ordered by Parliamẽt. And if the cõmon people shalbe eased of their griefes, the gentelmen shall also be relieued of them, for se how muchthe farmour crieth oute of hys rent, so may the gentelman wel crye out of the market, the one as muche greued as the other, & one remedye I trust shal serue both. For me thinketh it is no more difference for me, to haue .xx. pound, beyng .xx. pound, then to haue x. marke, spendinge .xx. marke, so that my estate be kept like vn

both, you wyll thynke I wryte now at my wyl, because yt ye remeber the last yere in the parke at Wynsour when the Court was there, this question made great argument betwyxte you and me, whether for the amendement of thinges in the commen wealth the fermour should fyrst abate hys pryce, and then the Landed man his rent, or in contrary order, at whyche tyme I remembre you stode vpon one poynte, whych I could not denye, that the Gentylman by deere byeng, was dryuen to let deere, and I vpon an other poynte (not al vnlyke we) that the deere hyrynge made deere fetlynge, But where the fault fyrst beganne, neyther of vs would graunt to the other, neuerthe-

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lesse, so waighty a matter it is, as no wayes to be discussed but by Parliament. Where when the argument is at any ende, it may be established by a lawe, wherof there was neuer more likelyhood, because the amendement therof, wyl helpe to many as well Lordes and Gentylme, as al other Commoners, no man hauyng cause to repyne against it, but suche as gather, not to spende and improue their reuinges not for their charges, as many Gentilmen haue done, but for their coffers. So that to conclude, improuemet alone maketh no man ryche, but improuement and sparynge. But what medle I wyth thys matter, and yet what dare I not to you my frende, by Sayncte George

I saye to you merely out of dourde, no one thinge maketh me more angry with these rebelles then one article, which toucheth me on the quicke, and I beleue, there be few in the realme, but it will make them smart, to forgoe his Abbey & Chauntrye landes wherin I for my part am so heated, that if I should fight with those traitours, I wold for euery two strokes to be stricken for treason strike on to kepe my lãde, the which I bought to suerlye, to deliuer it at a papistes appointement. Thus I haue exceded in woordes, & yet you shal counte it littel, because the matter is large, & therby you muste measure me, & not by my lynes, One thing I wil ye shal marke and then I ende, the matter of

Cardinal

Cardynal Pole (as in this case) of greate importaunce, lyke as I am sure my Lord Protectour is aduertised, for emonges these rebelles, the chiefe Captayne of all, sauinge one, was the Marques of Exceters man, and setteth forth the matter of the Cardinall so much, as in dede, he maketh no other matter. Hys name is Berry, one of them which subscrybed the Articles. Yf ye can conueniently sende me a Dagg when the kynges Maiestyes ordynance commeth doune. Ye shall receyue moneye for the same of my Brother Henry. Ye shall take payne to do my humble commendacyons to myne olde Mayster (good Syr Anthonye Dennye knyght) and especyally to my Coosyn Mayster

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The Articles of vs the Commoners of Deuonshyre and Cornewall in diuers Cam-pes by East and West of Excettor.

FYrst we wyll haue all the generall counsell & holy decrees of our fo-fathers obserued, kept and performed, and who so euer shal agayne saye them, we holde them as Heretikes.

¶ Item we will haue the Lawes of our Soueraygne Lord kyng henry the. viii. concernynge the syx articles, to be in vse again, as in hys tyme they were.

¶ Item we will haue the masse in Latten, as was before, & celebrated by the Preyest wythoute any man or woman communycatyng wyth hym.

¶ Item

¶ Item we wyll haue the Sacrament hange ouer the hyeghe aulter, and there to be worshypped as it was wount to be, and they whiche will not therto consent, we wyl haue them dye lyke heretykes agaynst the holy Catholyque fayth.

¶ Item we wyll haue the Sacramēt of ꝑ aulter but at Easter delyuered to the lay people, and then but in one kynde.

¶ Item we wil that our Curates shal minister the Sacramēt of Baptisme at all tymes aswel in the weke daye as on the holy daye.

¶ Itē we wyl haue holy bread and holy water made euery sondaye, Palmes and asshes at the tymes accustomed, Images to be set vp again in euery church,

and

and all other auncient olde Ce-
remonyes vsed heretofore, by
our mother the holy Church.

¶ Item we wil not receyue the
newe seruyce because it is but
yke a Christmas game, but we
wyll haue oure olde seruice of
Mattens, masse, Euensong and
procession in Latten as it was
before. And so we the Cornysh
men (wherof certen of vs vnder
stãdeno Englysh) vtterly refuse
thys newe Englysh.

¶ Item we wyll haue euery
preacher in his sermon, & euery
Preest at hys masse, praye spe-
cially by name for the soules in
purgatory, as oure forefathers
vsed.

¶ Item we wyll haue the Bi-
ble and al bokes of scripture in
Englysh to be called in agayn,

for

for we be enformed that otherwise the Clergye, shal not of lōg time confound the heretykes.

¶ Item we wyll haue Doctor Morgeman and Doctor Crispin which holde our opinions to be sauely sent vnto vs and to them we requyre the kinges maiesty, to geue some certain liuinges, to preache amonges vs our Catholycke fayth.

¶ Item we thinke it very mete because the lord Cardinal Pole is of the kynges bloode, should not only haue hys pardon, but also sent for to Rome, & promoted to be of the kinges coūsayl.

¶ Item we wyll that no Gentylman shall haue any more seruauntes then one to wayte vpō hym except he maye dispende one hundreth marke land and

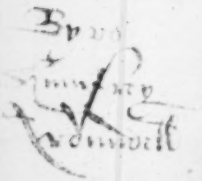
for

for euerye hundreth marke we thynke it reasonable he shoulde haue a man.

¶Item we wyll that the halfe parte of the Abbey landes and Chauntrye landes, in euerye mans possessyons, how so euer he cam by them, be geuen again to two places, where two of the chief Abbeis was with in euery Countye, where suche half part shalbe taken out, and there to be establyshed a place for deuout persons, whych shall pray for the kyng and the common wealth, and to thesame we wyll haue al the almes of the Churche boxe geuen for these seuen yeres.

¶Item for the particular griefes of our Countreye. We wyll haue them so ordered, as Humfrey

freye Arundell, & Henry Bray the kynges Maior of Bodmã, shall enforme the kynges Maiestye, yf they maye haue saluecõduct vnder the kynges great Seale, to passe and repasse, with an Heroalde at Armes.



By vs
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Thomas Underhyll.
John Slocman.
Wyllyam Segar.
Chiefe Cappytaynes.
John Compson Preste.
Henry Bray Maior of Bodmã
Henry Lee Maior of Torriton
Roger Barret Prieste.
The foure Gouernours of the Campes.